

NEEDHAM PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Planning Board, held in the Newman School Cafeteria, was called to order by Martin Jacobs, Chairman, on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with Messrs. Ruth and Eisenhut and Ms. McKnight as well as Planning Director, Ms. Newman and Recording Secretary, Ms. Kalinowski.

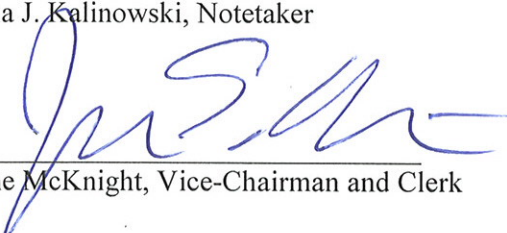
Discussion Regarding Town Meeting Presentation

It was noted Robert Smart will be presenting. Ms. Newman noted Rich Gatto requested information on the analysis done on lot sizes. He is concerned they can not develop a 6,000 foot lot. Ten thousand square feet is the underlying zoning. Ms. Newman noted there would probably be questions for Judy Barrett as to why they chose 6 or more affordable units as the professional guideline, why is it at 10 percent and why are they not getting more than 10 percent housing out of this. Ms. Barrett noted early on when they started working on this there were some people who felt they should not be requiring any affordable units. One of the things that came out of this was a balancing act. Ms. Newman noted Mr. Smart and Ms. McKnight will answer questions. They will ask DiNisco or Ms. Newman if it is a complicated issue. Ms. McKnight asked if there would be a motion to consider all 6 articles at the same time. Ms. Newman noted that will be the first motion. Ms. McKnight asked if the motions would actually be on the table at the time they are making the presentations. They will be. Mr. Smart stated they should consider together and vote separately. Ms. McKnight noted this came up today. In the main motion there was a reference in Article 4 regarding Garden Street that they should delete a certain phrase. Ms. Newman noted they are going to leave it as is but she has prepared to a motion to amend it if necessary. Mr. Ruth stated they should not open the door to amendments.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ruth, and seconded by Mr. Eisenhut, it was by the four members present unanimously:

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna J. Kalinowski, Notetaker



Jeanne McKnight, Vice-Chairman and Clerk